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11. (U) On October 25, Pol/Econ officer met MFA International Organizations Officer Jose Moura to outline concerns regarding the ongoing anti-Israel bias in the UN and to request that Portugal consider voting against measures 60/36, 60/37, and 60/104 when next considered. Moura agreed to convey our concerns to Portugal's New York delegation but could not comment about whether Portugal would be willing to go from abstaining to voting against the three as requested.

12. (SBU) Comment: While Portugal has demonstrated a willingness to tackle "new" conflict in the Middle East including convoking a special EU session to discuss Lebanon, the GOP is less willing to take the lead or to depart from EU policy on more established issues, such as UN votes on Israel. We will continue to press Portugal to consider voting against the three measures but suspect that EU consensus will win out. End comment.  
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